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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

DE MEUTER et al.

Application No.: 09/586,964

Filed: June 5, 2000

Art Unit: 1761

Examiner: L. Wong

For: SUGAR-FREE HARD COATING PREPARED FROM LIQUID  
MIXTURES OF ERYTHRITOL AND SORBITOL

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please enter this Amendment in response to the Office Action of July 5, 2001.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims 1 and 18 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) Sugar-free hard-coated comestibles consisting of a hard coating and an edible, chewable and/or pharmaceutical core characterized in that at least one layer of the hard coating is obtained from a liquid mixture of sorbitol and erythritol wherein the dry substance of the mixture comprises between 1% to 50% w/w erythritol.